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Primary Case: 279A-WF-222936

(U) **Case Title:** (U) [redacted] AMERITHRAX UNSUB(S); USE OF A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION-ANTHRAX, [redacted] VICTIM, DT-WMD, OO:WFO

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Case ID #: 279A-WF-222936 (Pending)

Title: AMERITHRAX;
MAJOR CASE 184

Synopsis: To provide a summary of the information collected on South Africa's possible possession of the Ames strain.

Details: [redacted] was interviewed by FBI Agents on 6/29/2002 and 7/1/2002 at the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa. [redacted]

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During the interview with FBI Agents, [redacted] stated that South Africa was in possession of the Ames strain of Bacillus anthracis (B.a.) and that it was readily available around the world. [redacted] believed that the Ames strain was provided to [redacted] by a U.S. post-graduate student in 1982.

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Other experts in the field of anthrax have been questioned on their knowledge of South Africa's possible possession of the Ames strain. [redacted]

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[redacted] had no knowledge of the Ames strain ever being identified in South Africa. [redacted] also of [redacted] thought that he had heard of the Ames strain being part of the South African bioweapon program but did not know any details. [redacted] had not heard of a post-graduate student transporting B.a. to South Africa. [redacted] of the [redacted] believed that [redacted] had wanted to obtain the Ames strain, but doubted that South Africa ever possessed it.

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Based on the collected information summarized above, no credible information has been found, to date, to conclude that South Africa was ever in possession of the Ames strain.

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